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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A bag slitting apparatus for opening a sealed bag, comprising: first and second arms having exterior surfaces extending concavely from a common bridge;

the first arm carrying a cutting surface on an interior surface facing the second arm; and the second arm carrying a receiving surface that cooperates with the cutting surface to make a cut through a portion of the bag when the first and second arms are opposed about the bag.

along an edge of said bag, the apparatus comprising a first arm having a first outer surface and a first inner surface, a second arm having a second outer surface and a second inner surface, wherein said first and second arms are resiliently connected and in tensioned movable opposed relationship to each other such that the first and second inner surfaces are movably positionable against each other and wherein one of said inner surfaces is a bladed inner surface having projecting therefrom a bag cutting blade with a distal blade tip and wherein the other of said inner surfaces has a transverse laterally open concave groove there across for receiving therein the blade tip and a continuously moving bag edge, and additionally where the first and second outer surfaces are concavedly contoured for simultaneous opposing receipt of a finger and thumb of a user.

2-3. Canceled.

- 4. A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the arms and the bridge are said apparatus except for the bag cutting blade is fabricated as a single piece of plastic material.
- 5. A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the <u>cutting surface is an edge of a metal blade</u>. bag cutting blade is metal.
- 6. A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the <u>receiving surface is curved</u> blade tip receiver is a surface disposed groove in alignment with the blade tip.

